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Victory.

There came to me an hour so dark
I thought I could not bear it;
But when I cried, "Lord, give me strength,"
My Savior came to share it.
A wondrous peace o'erspread my soul,
I felt His presence there;
And then I knew there was no pain
He would not help me bear.

Through Him I now have victory,
My heart has found its rest;
The fear of death Christ has subdued,
My God has stood the test.
And if death comes again to me,
I know I need not fear,
For God has sent *Himself* to me—
The Comforter is near.

Let Him come in; oh, pain-filled heart,
Look unto Him in prayer;
No matter what your burden is,
You'll always find Him there.
If you but look to Him for help,
You'll need no other friend;
You need not fear He'll let you go,
He holds fast to the end.

Mrs. HAROLD LOCKWOOD.

Church-Membership.

Wise partnership is one of the world's secrets of success. Men become partners to strengthen and improve their business. For example, a young man with knowledge, but without money forms a company with a rich man, and they both succeed in their business.

Such working together is of great value also in the Church. The apostles went out two and two. Likewise Christians to-day form congregations, and congregations form synods. This partnership makes it possible for the Church to train ministers of the Gospel and to send out missionaries to

preach God's Word. A Christian should not stand alone. You, too, should join the Church. Your support in money and prayers is needed to help spread the light of God's love and mercy in Christ.

Every true Christian desires that unbelievers be brought to know the need of the Savior, so that they, too, may find Christ as precious as he does. He prays and hopes that the ungodly may submit to the Gospel, which will cleanse their heart and their ways. Your church-membership, your money, and your prayers help to bring the Gospel of saving grace to those still sitting in darkness and despair.

The world and all its works will end in failure, but everything that a Christian does in the name of Christ bears interest for him. Church-membership, gifts, prayers, even a cup of cold water or a kind word, bring a hundredfold return to his crown of glory in heaven. Let us serve God and His Church faithfully. Let us see to it that we allow nothing in our own lives that would hinder Him from blessing us. He said: "Delight thyself also in the Lord, and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart," Ps. 37, 4. Let us, then, work together with God and with other Christians, and we shall be happy, successful, and safe, both here in time and forever in eternity. O. C. S.

A MEMBER in a church in Scotland refused to give for missions. At a mission-day service he refused again to give when the collection plate came to him. The elder stood there for a minute, hoping that the man would change his mind; but the man suddenly cried: "I do not give for missions." The elder then humbly said: "Then take some of the money; we are collecting this money for the heathen."

Still Let Us Hear.

It may be that the night will yet grow darker;
It may be that the storm is not yet spent;
It may be that the times may wax more evil,
Earth braving heaven and scorning to repent.

Still let us hear the Master daily saying,
"Behold, I come; awake, arise, prepare!"
For but a little and there sounds the summons,
"Ascend, my saints, to meet Me in the air."

HORATIUS BONAR.

Studies in Luther's Catechism.

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT.

"Thou shalt honor thy father and thy mother that it may be well with thee and thou mayest live long on the earth."

"Honor thy father and thy mother." That means, in the first place, as we learned in our last study, that we should "not despise our parents and masters nor provoke them to anger." But then our Catechism also tells us what we should *do* in order to keep this commandment and to please our good God and Lord, saying: "but give them honor, serve and obey them, and hold them in love and esteem."

"Give them Honor."

Our parents and masters are over us in God's place. Our parents are given unto us to rule over us and to keep us; if we, therefore, honor them, we honor God. Our teachers and pastors are given unto us of God to teach us and to instruct us in the Word of God; therefore honor is due them, as God says 1 Tim. 5, 17: "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the Word and doctrine." Our government is ordained of God; it is the minister of God to us for good. Therefore we should honor and respect our President, our governor, and all other state officials. And the same honor is due to "the hoary head and the old man," Lev. 19, 32. What a happy home, happy school, happy church-life, happy country, if all would give honor to them unto whom honor is due!

"Serve and Obey Them."

If we thus honor our parents and masters, we shall gladly serve them, that is, do for them whatever we can. We should not let them do our work for us, but we should do their work for them and so make life pleasant for them. Especially when

they grow old and helpless, we should joyfully support and keep them; for we never can repay them. And to do this is "good and acceptable before God," 1 Tim. 5, 4. And, above all, we should do as they command us. Our Bible says: "Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing unto the Lord," Col. 3, 20. Mark the words "in all things" and "well-pleasing." Cheerfully we ought to obey in all things, for thereby we please our good God and Lord. However, if they command anything contrary to the Word of God, "we ought to obey God rather than men," Acts 5, 29.

"Hold Them in Love and Esteem."

And we should honor our parents and masters not only until we have reached the age of 18 or 21. No, no! Also in the Fourth Commandment, God speaks to every one of us when He says: "Thou." Whether old or young, we should not cease to love and esteem our parents and masters, but do so unto the end.

God's Promise.

Surely, gladly we ought to do all this because of God's promise "that it may be well with thee and thou mayest live long on the earth." Yes, we *ought* to. But *do* we? Again we must smite our breast and say: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." Come, let us flee to Him who "went down with His parents and came to Nazareth and was subject unto them" (Luke 2, 51) and thus kept also this commandment for us and then also shed His blood to wash away our sins also against this commandment. And may God grant that we become more and more like unto our Savior and no more "despise our parents and masters nor provoke them to anger, but give them honor, serve and obey them, and hold them in love and esteem"! Oh, then it shall be well with us, and we shall live long on the earth.

J. L. S.

IN a hospital in Hankow, China, a medical missionary performed an operation upon a Chinaman who was blind and restored his sight. This man lived about a hundred miles from Hankow. A short time later he came back, but this time not alone. He brought sixteen natives. They were all blind, and he was leading them to Hankow with a long rope, to which they were tied. — That is a good example for us. We who are saved from spiritual blindness must lead others to Jesus. You who know that Jesus has saved you, tell others this GOOD NEWS.

THE BREAD OF LIFE.

Bible-Study for February.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God." Matt. 6, 33.

Bible-Lesson: Mark 6, 30—34.

"And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught. And He said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place and rest a while; for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat. And they departed into a desert place by ship privately. And the people saw them departing, and many knew Him, and ran afoot thither out of all cities, and outwent them, and came together unto Him. And Jesus, when He came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd. And He began to teach them many things."

In the first part of this chapter we are told that Jesus sent out His twelve disciples to work in His kingdom, to preach the Gospel. The disciples did as Jesus told them, and they did so gladly and willingly. By two and two they went out, preaching that men should repent. When they returned from their preaching-trip, they told Jesus what they had done, what miracles they had performed in His name, and what they had taught.

Knowing that the Twelve were weary from their work, Jesus asked them to go with Him to a desert place, that is, a lonely, uninhabited place, where they could be alone and rest a while. They were in need of rest from their hard work of traveling and preaching. In the city, however, they found no time to rest. Constantly people were coming to Jesus to hear Him and to seek His help, so that the Lord and His disciples did not even have leisure for eating. Entering a ship, they sailed away from the multitude to be alone for a while.

But even now they found no time to rest. When the multitude saw them leave in the ship, they inquired where Jesus was going. And many of them ran afoot and came to the place before Jesus and His disciples arrived. Stepping out of the ship, Jesus saw a great multitude waiting for Him. Some of these people had come to hear again the message of salvation; others had come to be healed. When Jesus saw this multitude, He was moved with compassion, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd. Sheep without a shepherd soon perish. And Jesus, seeing the sad spiritual condition of these people, knew that they would all perish unless they found the true Shep-

herd and followed Him. So He at once began to teach them and to show them the way of salvation.

Have you, my friend, found this true Shepherd, Jesus? Do you gladly hear His voice and follow Him? Surely this is the most important thing for you to do in this life. Blessed are you if you can say: "The Lord is *my* Shepherd."

E. EN.

IN THE MORNING MAIL.

St. Louis Mission.—This blessed month of our Savior's birth was well remembered by the deaf in the St. Louis field. On December 11 we had our Christmas service in Memphis, Tenn. The deaf first gathered in the parish-hall of Trinity Lutheran Church and again rejoiced at the good news of the Savior's birth in our Christmas service. After the service there was a Christmas program, in which the beautiful songs telling of the Savior's birth were well signed by some of the deaf. Each person brought a little gift, and after the program these gifts were distributed among all those present. The ladies' aid of Trinity Lutheran Church served refreshments, which were greatly enjoyed by all. Rev. V. Brugge, pastor of Trinity Church, then spoke a few words, telling of the new-born King and His coming into the world to save also the deaf people. May the memory of this pleasant evening remain long with our friends of Memphis and remind them throughout the entire year that this Savior was born also for them and urge them to attend our services regularly. Forty deaf were in attendance.

On December 12 the deaf of Little Rock, Ark., gathered in our Lutheran church there to celebrate the birth of the King of kings. Sixty-five deaf friends attended the program, which was very well given under the direction of Mr. Charles Athy. Mr. Athy first read the prophecies about the Savior's coming to the world, then the history of His birth, and concluded with passages from the Bible which tell of Christ's second coming to judge the world. The songs were beautifully signed both by the soloists and the group singers. After the service presents were given each one who was in attendance. The distribution of these presents provided a great deal of amusement as no one knew what he or she would get or who had brought the present. After these presents had been distributed a very tasty lunch was served by the deaf ladies. We know that the evening was enjoyed by all, and all went home rejoicing greatly in the birth of the Lord and Savior and, like the shepherds, telling of the things they had heard and seen. May this celebration of the Savior's birth remind them of God's great mercy to all people.

On December 24, 8.15 P. M., the St. Louis congregation had its Christmas program. Many of the members took part in singing the inspiring Christmas hymns. The weather was very unfavorable on Christmas Day, and because many of the members were sick, our attendance on that day was not very good. On Sunday, December 29, Prof. E. Wolfram of Winfield, Kansas, visited our services and spoke a few words to the deaf. We were very much pleased to have him with us and

delighted to see the keen interest he takes in the spiritual welfare of the deaf. Professor Wolfram is taking care of the deaf in Winfield and vicinity.

We were not able to have a Christmas program in Jacksonville, Ill., this year, but hope to have a more complete program next year.

To all the DEAF LUTHERAN readers we of the St. Louis field say: May God's richest blessings be yours throughout the entire year! F. A. H.

Mission for Blind and Deaf. — In December we stopped off in Southern Indiana on our way to Kentucky and met several groups of deaf for services and catechetical instruction. There are approximately forty-eight deaf living in these cities and towns who have had no services for years. We hope to meet them regularly in the future.

Pastor Theo. Frederking of Shelby, Mich., is serving the deaf of Grand Rapids and Muskegon in addition



Pastor Theo. Frederking and the Deaf of Muskegon, Mich.

to his regular work as minister of a hearing congregation. We admire his zeal and enthusiasm. Lutheran ministers in many other cities throughout our country could render a like service to the deaf in their midst if they followed this splendid example. O. C. S.

Minneapolis Mission. — We regret that our Christmas program and the Christmas party arranged by the young people's society of Trinity Church for the forty-eight children under instructions at the Faribault school had to be canceled because of a quarantine. The good young people had everything ready, and on Saturday noon the doctor's orders came that the children could not go out. Hearty thanks to the young people nevertheless!

However, our children's program in our Minneapolis chapel was given as scheduled on December 29, and that to a full house. Many hearing friends and sixty-nine deaf attended this service. Hearing children of our deaf parents, deaf children from the Minneapolis oral school, and several children from the Faribault school took part in the program. It filled our hearts with joy to see and hear all these children tell us of God's great Christmas-gift to the world, the children of our deaf parents speaking and signing, the deaf children of the Minneapolis school speaking, and those of the Faribault school signing. Seventeen children of the Minneapolis school are under our spiritual care. Thus we bring the precious name of Jesus into the hearts and minds of sixty-five children. May God bless this our work in the hearts of all unto their soul's salvation! J. L. S.

TELEVISION, which seemed as incredible when we first heard of it as did the telephone when its inventor was experimenting with it, is fast becoming a reality. Dr. Thomas H. Fox, a deaf teacher of the New York Institution, the other day talked with his son, who was a mile away, by means of the manual alphabet. This event may have the same significance for the deaf as did the memorable conversation between Alexander Graham Bell and his assistant over the first telephone.

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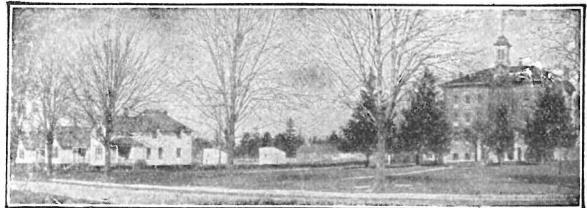
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